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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 9, 2004 does not appear to be very concise or comprehensive. The Examiner first appears to summarize claim 1. Then, the Examiner states that no prior art was found teaching individually, or suggesting in combination, all of the features of the application's invention, specifically the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, wherein the removable portion is adapted to be selectively removable from the elongated body for providing access to the cavity.

Notably, the Examiner does not appear to reference any of the other allowed claims, including those claims that do not require an elongated body that includes a removable portion that includes the cavity. As such, Applicant believes that the Examiner did not intend to provide

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a complete analysis or listing of reasons of why each and every claim is allowable over the prior art.

The Examiner did state that claims 1, 3-10, 12-14, 16-17, 21-23, 25 and 27-37 are allowed over the prior art. Thus, the Examiner must have concluded that the claims as allowed are patentable over the prior art, and not necessarily only for those reasons summarized in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant respectfully request clarification if the Examiner does not agree with this statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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